Mid Air explosion of "Kanishka Bight'

*178. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken on the Canadian media report about the mid air explosion of 'Kanishka' on Flight AI-182 from Montreal to New Delhi nine years ago;

(b) whether any of the culprits have been apprehended and prose cuted; and

(c) the culprits still absconding and the steps being taken to secure their extradition?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government have no evidence to conclude that information, as alleged in the Canadian media report, was available with the U.S. Government.

(b) and (c) Till date, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are conducting the criminal investigation into the case have not made any arrests and the names of the suspects have also not been made public. The question of extradition, therefor, does not arise.

Nuclear mishap averted at Kakrapar

*179. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR. LA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that explosion of the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station was averted recently by sheer providence; and

(b) if so. what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into circumstances leading to the nuclear disaster threat and what action has been taken in the matter.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) No, Sir. There was no situation! circumstances which could have led to an explosion in the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station. Therefore, averting of such a explosion by sheer pro. vidence as referred to in the question does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

Procedure for charging the prices of Periodica/s

*180. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINIS. TER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Publications & Informaion Directorate of the CSIR have fixed two different prices for its periodicals etc. i.e. one for those that are to be sold within the country, and other for those publications that are to be sold abroad by Indian agents;

(b) whether the earlier procedure to charge the Indian price in rupees from agents irrespective of the fact that the publication was to be sold within the country or outside has been recently changed, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether, with the altered procedure, the Dierctorate has made it a condition that an agent should provide them a list of and users before the supply is made;

(d) if so. the reasons for the new condition which is obviously not in conformity with normal trade prac tiee; ?and

(el whether the information regarding end-user^ would be kept confidential to protect the interest of the agent exporter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE . (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir, PID is following the dual